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Prior to considering the enclosed divisional patent application, please enter the following amendments. Replacement paragraphs and claims are presented below. Marked-up amendments are presented on separate sheets at the end of the amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title on the first page of the application, please add the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/961,735 to Kambe et al., entitled "Abrasive Particles For Surface Polishing," <sup>now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,733</sup> incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 23-28 with the following:

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A apparatus similar to laser pyrolysis embodiment 100 has been used to produce a variety of vanadium oxide nanoparticles in different oxidation states. These are described in commonly